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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert

--This application is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/378,324, filed August 20, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application serial no. 09/001,822, filed December 31, 1997, abandoned.--

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-16.

Add claims 17-26.

--17. (New) A method of making an electrochemical cell, comprising constructing an electrochemical cell including a housing and, within the housing, (1) a cathode comprising manganese dioxide and at most 10% by weight graphite particles having an average particle size of less than 20 microns that were prepared without using an industrial or laboratory graphitization process and without any industrial or laboratory expansion process; (2) an anode comprising zinc particles and a gassing

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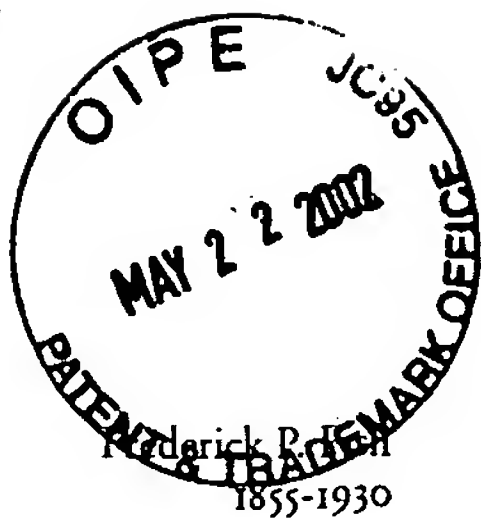
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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

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Title: BATTERY CATHODE

The prior application is assigned of record to Duracell Inc., a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on October 30, 1998 at 9560/0057.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	19
Claims	3
Abstract	1
Declaration	2
Drawing(s)	1

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Enclosures:

- Petition to Revive Application Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b), which is being filed in the parent application.
- Preliminary amendment, 6 pages.

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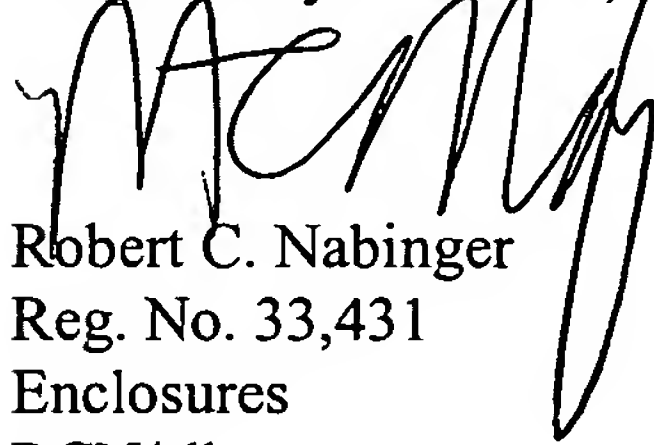
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